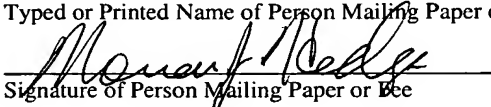


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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application
submitted herewith, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.

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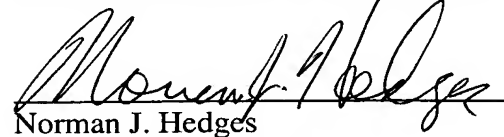
Please cancel claims 1-82 without prejudice and without disclaimer of the subject
matter disclosed therein.

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced claims be removed
from pendency in the current application before examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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